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Handy Will Visit Radio Amateurs

The 400 radio amateurs of the Milwaukee area will welcome F. E. Handy of West Hartford, Conn., communications manager of the American Radio Relay league, Wednesday night at the Schlitz Brown Bottle. It will be Handy's first visit here in four years and his most important in the 25 year history of the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' club, the oldest organization of its kind in the world.

Handy will arrive from La Cross and will be met by Aldrich C. Krones, Jack Doyle, Emil R. Felber and Sidney R. Rose. He will go at once to visit Erwin W. Kreis, one of Milwaukee's pioneer "hams" and the city's only representative to the league's board of directors, who has been ill in bed for several months.

Handy is touring the midwest to outline the changes in the new federal communication commission regulations scheduled to go into effect on Dec. 20. His other purpose is to outline to the league's emergency corps members here the position of the amateur in national defense. In case of a full national emergency the amateur radio stations of the nation will automatically be suspended and the league is making an attempt to prove the value of its member stations to any air raid precaution system.

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bombs may be loaded either at Merrimac or at a plant elsewhere in Wisconsin.

Hams Should Stay on Air, He Says

Francis E. Handy of West Hartford, Conn., communications manager of the American Radio league, said in an interview at the Elks club Wednesday night that short of a shooting war that touches our shores, the radio amateur is expected to stay on the air and serve his country in civilian defense and other programs. Handy later talked to Wisconsin "hams" at the Schlitz Brown Bottle.

The communication manager said that although in a declared war the radio amateur might be restricted as in 1918, the government policy in the current national emergency had been directed to keeping the amateur on the air in order to take advantage of his self-training and publice service values. His statement was calculated to set at ease the feeling that continued federal communication regulation changes are trending toward taking the amateur privileges away completely.

Handy said that the new regulations schedul[illegible] to go into effect on Dec. 20 shou[illegible] provide no basis for a fear of permanently losing the frequencies on the "ham" 80 meter band to the army air corps. It is expected, he said, that the "loaned" frequencies will be returned immediately after the emergency ends.